



# Highway Park and Design

## Background

The construction of a 4-acre park over I-70 is a defining feature of the lowered highway concept for I-70. As a mitigation measure it's also an essential component of the project that must be constructed. The I-70 park has been modeled on dozens of similar spaces around the nation, including Klyde Warren Park in Dallas, Texas and a series of parks built over SR530 outside of Seattle, Wash.

## Status and Next Steps

The concept of building a park over I-70 was originally presented to the public in 2012-2013 along with the introduction of the lowered highway alternative. Over the last several years, CDOT has been working with local residents, the City and County of Denver, and Denver Public Schools on a public process to design the public space on the park.

The overall intent of this community park is to provide an active and vibrant area with opportunities for sports games, outdoor movies, concerts and farmers markets. Close to 150 trees will be planted in addition to open lawns, play areas and a splash park.



One part of the park will be a shared-use area with Swansea Elementary School but fully open to community use during all non-school hours and days.

Three public workshops held in 2016 have shaped the final design concept reflected to the left. While small refinements will continue to be made as the project moves toward construction, the major features chosen by the community will remain. See additional visuals and animations [here](#).

Preliminary Design Concept

